

Comptroller

10 August 1953

Chief, Program Analysis Staff

1. The July 25, 1953 issue of the "Kiplinger News Letter" states:

"The American Spy Service, all very secret and super-super-hush will be uncloaked by Congress next year. Findings will be kept under cover, for it wouldn't do to tell the world all our cloak & dagger secrets. But new committee will dig into personnel, expects to show boondoggling in Central Intelligence second-raters, leftovers, military castoffs."

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Additional articles in various sections of the press seem to indicate that this Agency is going to come under careful scrutiny. With that in mind, it is felt that much remains to be done to bring our house in order, so that we may be ready to face expected inquiries.

2. By no stretch of the imagination could it be said that the U. S. Government as a whole is managed efficiently. Neither can CIA escape criticism in this respect even though there may have been mitigating circumstances in having to set up a new Agency in a short space of time and to recruit personnel to carry out major operations with little or no advance preparation possible.

3. With the new Administration, the trend seems to be toward a tighter control of activities, a strict control of money, and more emphasis on management in the strictly accepted sense of the term. As indicated by the present trend, and in order to assure that the Comptroller and the Agency are protected from the attacks that are to come, we in the Program Analysis Staff have a definite task to perform. We will have to devise a method of compiling and maintaining data in a readily accessible form so that the Comptroller will be able to present a report whenever a question arises with respect to CIA activities. To accomplish this, it may be necessary to implement accounting procedures in order to uncover and highlight weaknesses in the Agency and to bring to the attention of the Comptroller those items which require administrative action.

4. In addition to the financial data being compiled and submitted in the Consolidated Agency Financial Statements we feel that the Comptroller should have readily available the following material:

1. Total cost from inception to date of active subsidy projects.

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12. Dollar value of inventories of supplies and equipment (other than vehicles) by area.

5. This list is not all inclusive. It merely represents a statement of the information Program Analysis Staff feels the Comptroller should have. If you have suggestions for these or any additional items this Staff would appreciate being advised so that steps can be taken to accumulate the desired information.

6. Program Analysis Staff proposes to place these items on a work schedule in order of priority. Each subject will be handled as soon as Agency accounts furnish the required information and present workload permits the assignment of personnel to the task.

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This paper contains some very good suggestions on what needs to be accomplished. Proceed accordingly.

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